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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

It has been ten years since September 12, 1980 when my dear friend, mentor, and fellow coin hobbyist Bill Cummings passed away, dying just a few minutes after my final visit with him at the hospital. Our last conversation--a ramble of old jokes, remembrances, and intentions--included talk on our mutual love, coins.

Bill was the first person who was to influence my life and obsession with this hobby. Others have left and continue to leave their marks, but Bill will remain always the first and foremost.

Bill was my first coin dealer that I actively worked with, always over his crowded dining room table with his parakeet and pile of Coin Worlds. So many hours, so long ago, in the halcyon days of my youth did I past sitting there.

Bill was my first friend that I made in this hobby. He took a likely to me very early-on, trusted me, shared his stories and hopes, and always supported me. His house was always open, and it was our habit on many Friday evenings to view movies on cable television while munching popcorn.

Bill was my first teacher of our hobby. His lessons still ring. But, Bill taught me more than grading, coin storage, or his experiences. He left me some of his wisdom of seventy-plus years. Thoughts that can only come from one who loved our hobby for over six decades and enjoyed so much in a life that his frail weaken body at the end gave no evidence of his vigorous active years before.

What Bill left me, his legacies, are personal: those convictions, opinions, or attitudes that govern not only my hobby but much of my life and living. Yes, time has wrought changes; but, it was Bill who instilled these first.

Bill had confidence in me. He had a belief in me. He trusted me. Once, while talking about coins I mentioned that I would not know what to do if he ever passed away. Who could I talk to or buy coins from? Bill replied with a smile that he knew that I would go on and go far. He with the wisdom of years said that I loved the hobby too much to have it depend on him. He was right.

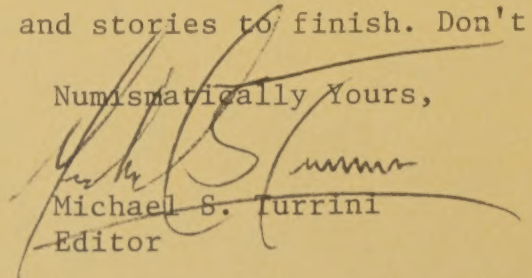
I cried when Addie, his wife, called that Saturday night telling me Bill had passed away. I still cry. I still wish Bill, and so many others, were here.

My consolation is not just memories, or coins in my collections, nor old jokes. No, it is a lesson taught to me so many years ago by an old man, who I was to know only for a brief span of time: it was confidence in myself.

Whatever I have done, whatever I have dreamed, whatever I shall do, and whatever it may be in coins or anything is and shall always be in large measure because of Bill. I pray that it will be always worthy of his confidence.

"Bill, we still have some coins to sell and stories to finish. Don't forget".

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINTER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Quiet

As this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales goes to the printer, neither the next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting nor the 1990 Election results have been announced.

The tentative date and site--October 29th, last Monday, at the Leaning Tower Restaurant in Daly City--has yet to be confirmed for the Board of Directors Meeting.

Ballots should have been mailed by the time Members received this Issue; Please Vote.

September 20, 21, and 22, 1991, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, are the dates for NCNA Thirtieth (30th) Annual Coin Show and Convention. The Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco will remain the site. All other details are pending.

Coin Club and NCNA Heads and Tales

If a coin club, NCNA Club Member or not, fails to send in on-time its periodical or news release, then NCNA Heads and Tales simply will not report nor cover the event or story. Several coin clubs have stopped or are irregular in mailing such, and coverage for these has, as a result, been incomplete. Also, although Your Editor is a member of several coin clubs, a separate full mailing to NCNA Heads and Tales is required; this being for the convenience and completeness of Your Editor. Coin Clubs are encouraged to add NCNA Heads and Tales to their mailing lists; refer to address on title page.

Coin Show Directory

A long-time NCNA service is available to any coin club within the Northern California region. Extra copies, free for distribution, are available upon written request from NCNA President Edward Sins. Please refer to the latest Directory enclosed with this Issue.

Coin Club List

The latest List is enclosed. Please use. The value of this service is only good as its usage, so all NCNAers are urged to refer to it and attend regularly meetings of their local coin clubs plus visit others in their area.

Needless to say, corrections and revisions are actively sought. Please contact Edward Sins, List Coordinator, at: "PO Box 5075, San Jose, California, 95150". Requests for copies of this List be directed to either the List Coordinator or Your Editor.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Fremont Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Reno Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Santa Cruz Coin Club

Fremont Coin Club Writes that forty-seven (47) members and guests attended the Club's Annual Picnic held at Lake Elizabeth: "There was plenty of food. The run cake certainly had us a 'buzz'". The new Club Librarian for the FCC is JIM BARTON. It was noted at that recent August 19th FCC Coin Show that "special thanks to WENDY SCHOCK who greeted at the Reception Area almost the whole day selling just about everyone a raffle ticket". The FCC continues to meet on both the Second and Third Tuesdays of each month, at 7:30pm, at the Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, in Fremont, California.

Gateway Coin Club Has been viewing several slide and audio-visual programs recently: July 5th, 'Colonial Coins of America', August 2nd, 'Military Payment Certificates', and September 20th, 'The Granite Lady'. A recent notice in the Club's September newsletter ran: "In 1850, when California achieved statehood, twenty-seven counties were formed in the state. Of these, Mariposa was the largest, covering about 1/6 of the state. Merced was one of the counties formed out of the original Mariposa County. For any of you Junior Members out there (do any of you ever look at the newsletter), if you can tell the Program Chairman, that's JOEL ANDERSON, at the next meeting what 'Mariposa' means in Spanish it will be worth a coin". Your Editor has long forgotten his Spanish, but the idea is an excellent one.

Delta Coin Club Your Editor will let SYD KASS, DCC's Newsletter Editor, report on the DCC's Annual Picnic last July 15th: ". . . the seventy-three (73) in attendance did enjoy the good food, drinks, sociability, drawings, guessing games, and metal-detect

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ing games for the Juniors . . . Oh yes, who cooked the hamburgers and hot-dogs? That's right, the usual, ELDEN and SYD. Thanks. And thanks to all those who attended and brought extra food; we could have fed another fifty (50) to sixty (60) people. So, if you missed this Picnic, you will have to wait until next year for another great DCC outing. Oh, the Egg Tossing Game, it was down to the finish with ED CARMAN and partner SHARON DENDY the winners. And that is 'NO YOLK'".

Peninsula Coin Club Writes that its Annual Coin and Collectable Show will be this November 11, 1990, Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse Coordinator is: "FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK, PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484". The mintage of the Club's 1990 Medal in silver is: fifty-five (55). Recent meeting themes have been: July 9th, Club Medals, August 13th, Other Hobbies, and September 10th, Foreign Coins. The September PCC newsletter editorialized that "PCC members are encouraged to promote and attend COIN CLUB Coin Shows. These are very difficult times for our hobby. Coin Clubs are the backbone of our hobby and deserve your support, PCC Members".

Napa Valley Coin Club Writes that at its June 20th meeting THELMA KRIEG celebrated her "39th Anniversary of Her 39th Birthday". Recent NVCC meetings have been: July 18th, Second Annual Silver Dollar Night, August 15th, First Annual GENE F. Commemorative Lecture on Presentation of the Annals of the City of New York, and September 19th, Third Annual Old Timers Night. The NVCC meets in the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl, downtown Napa, at 7:30pm, on every Third Wednesday.

Fresno Numismatic Society Heard JOHN REYNOLDS speak on Photography Collecting at its August 14th meeting. GEORGE SHAMLIN enlightened those present on the Condition of the Coin Market at the FNS' July 10th meeting. The following was reported in the August 1990 Issue of The Fresno Numismatist: "JERRY WEINBERG reports that upon examining his collection for the first time in a few years, he noticed that the coins in his Type Set had a green goop on them. These were stored in a 'Harco Coinmaster', plastic pages with plastic sleeves. He called Harco, which is based in Chicago, and was informed that this was caused because the chemicals used in the plastic were not inert. This problem no longer exists in the 'newer' Harco products. Harco sent JERRY replacement sleeves and a solution to take the goop off. The solution did not remove the luster and dirt and does not discolor the coins".

Reno Coin Club Writes that its 1991 Reno Coin Show will be April 19th and 20th at Bally's in Reno, Nevada. August 4th was the date of the Club's Annual Picnic held at the home of DAVE ANDREWS.

Solano Silver Round Club Announces that it publicizes and reports in its monthly newsletter, Silver Notes, club medal issues: "Notice to all Northern California, Southern California, and All members of the Solano Silver Round Club . . . If your Club would like

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to have us promote future strikings of your Club's medals, or you as an individual would like to have a particular medal promoted, send us the details, and we will advertize you future strikings in our Silver Notes. We will be most happy to work with your Club's Medal Coordinator. Particulars that would be required are type of medals to be struck, total mintages planned for each medal and type, cost, ordering deadlines, ordering address, contact person or Medals Coordinator, and a blank Order Form. We must have all these details to promote your medal". Information may be mailed to: "PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94553". The Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) will visit the Diablo Numismatic Society (DNS) this October 18th, Third Thursday, and present a program on Silver Rounds. Both the SSRC and DNS are coordinating this joint venture. This meeting will include Show 'n Tell of silver rounds and choice silver rounds in the drawings. The SSRC also reports that a prime suspect in the murder of its beloved founder, the late LUCKY WILLIAMS, was apprehended in Alaska last August 1st.

Stanislaus County Coin Club Writes that the dates for its 1992 Coin Show will be February 15 and 16, 1992. September 16th, Sunday, was the date of the SCCC's Annual Picnic at Enslin Park. October 1st was the scheduled date for the SCCC's Installation Banquet.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Heard two great speakers lately: BILL WEBER, July 25th, 'The Story of Half Cents' and RON MILLER, August 29th, 'Merchant Tokens'.

Cupertino Coin Club Held its Annual Other Hobbies Night last June 1st, and those participating were: KATHERINE RAY, Designer Telephones, JERRY SCHULTZ, World War II Army Items, FRANK NIELSEN, Stone Age Axes, KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, Frames, NATHAN MILLER, Wood Turning, MICHAEL BAER, Coins On Computers, KEITH WANDRY, Die Cast Cars, JOSEPH WANDRY, Telescopes, AL LO, Marilyn Monroe Memorabilia, and KELLY CAROLAN, 4-H Club Activities. The July 6th Meeting was reported as "DEAN thought KEN was going to do it. KEN thought FRANK was going to do it. And FRANK thought DEAN was going to do it. Nobody did it and as a result we had an extra long break instead of a speaker". DAVID LANGE spoke at the August 3rd meeting on 'Introduction to Small Size Paper Money' and DON BARSI at the September 7th meeting talk on 'Newfoundland Coins'.

Liberty Numismatic Society Heard its President DON BURNS talk on Silver Dollars Hoards at the August 7th meeting, and DAVID CIENIEWICZ spoke at the September 4th meeting on Tokens. The LNS had a Coin-Of-The-Month Drawing, and it was reported that "in keeping with the headlines, this month's Coin-Of-The-Month will be any coin struck for a Middle East nation. Separate receptacles will be provided for coins of Iraq and Kuwait".

San Jose Coin Club Heard RON IKEBE at its August 8th meeting talk on his travel and experiences at the Annual ANA Seminar last June. The SJCC and Cupertino Coin Club (CCC) held their Joint Annual

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Picnic on September 9th. The July 11th meeting was the SJCC's Annual Other Hobbies Night: GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Souvenir Baseballs, DONALD BARSI, Produce Box Labels, LARRY BENSON, Roseville Pottery, PETER FLORES, Woodworking and Flycasting, RON MILLER, Zeppelin Stamps, CONSTANCE PERHAM, Bicentennial Badges, EDWARD SINS, 1910 Lionel Locomotive, and DON SMITH, SJCC 1990 Banquet Photos.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Held its first-ever Hot-Dog Night at its August 1st meeting; JOE SIROIS and DAN ROBERTSON cooked the hot-dogs and hamburgers. The VNS's September 5th meeting heard noted local historian and author HARRY GRAY talk on 'California Vignettes'. The October 3rd meeting was the Society's Annual White Elephant Auction. The new Editor for the Society's monthly The Bulletin is KEN SPINGOLA. The next big event for the VNS will be its 'Gold Night' on November 7th at which one ounce of gold in the form of ten (10) 1/10 ounce gold coins will be the prizes in the drawing plus a featured speaker, DEAN ENDERLIN, with a slide-illustrated talk on the McLaughlin Mine in Napa County which is an open pit gold mining operation.

Fairfield Coin Club Has been very active: August 22nd, Third Annual Hot-Dog Night, July 25th, Second Annual Laua Night, and September 23rd, its First Annual Fairfield Coin Show. The final mintages for the FCC's 1990 Club Medals were: silver, seventy-four (74), antique bronze, one hundred three (103), and off medal sets, forty five (45).

Diablo Numismatic Society Held its Fourth, or is it the Fifth?, Annual Club Picnic last July 17th at the exclusive Fairacre Estate on Mount Diablo. August 16th meeting had Bingo, and the September 20th meeting heard DNS's Treasurer JAMES LIND speak on Metal-Detecting. A re-order period has been opened and extended to December 1st for the Society's 1990 Club Medals; for Order Forms, write to: "PO Box 5473, Walnut Creek, California, 94596". The DNS will hold its 29th Annual Diablo Coin Show on Sunday, December 9, 1990, 10:00am to 4:00pm, in the Main Exhibition Rooms of the Concord Hilton. Bourse Tables are presently being reserved; interested coin dealers may call: "415-935-4663".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Writes that its 23rd Annual Coin-O-Rama will be this October 14th, Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa. Bourse Coordinator is: "BILL FEIST, PO Box 2811, Santa Rosa, California, 95405".

Santa Cruz Coin Club Reports that its 1990 Officers are: OWEN HOLLINGSWORTH, President; ELVIN HUCKINS, Vice-President; DEAN KRAMER, Recording Secretary; RICHARD ANDERSON, Corresponding Secretary, and JOHN SHEPARD, Treasurer. The SCCC meets on the first Monday of each month at Grace Methodist Church, 1024 Soquel Avenue, in Santa Cruz. The Club's mailing address is: "PO Box 991, Santa Cruz, California, 95060".

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Two Newest NCNA Club Members

Topical Numismatic Society

Is NCNA Coin Club #C-50. The major objectives of this new Society, its dues, founder, and details are listed on the enclosed flier sheet. Those interested in collecting coins by topic or subject are encouraged to join the TNS. As a courtesy to this new organization, NCNA Heads and Tales has included the enclosed.

Chico Coin Club

Is NCNA Coin Club #C-51. The CCC will host its Ninth Annual Coin Show on Sunday, December 2, 1990 at Chico Holiday Inn, Hwy 99 at Cohasset Road, in Chico. Information write to: "PO Box 1187, Chico, California, 95927". The CCC meets on the Second Thursday of each month at the Chico Municipal Building, Conference Room #1, 421 Main Street, Chico. Meeting time starts 7:30pm, and elections are held in February. The current President is Gen Brnder, and Secretary/Treasurer is Paul Montz; his address is: "PO Box 2274, Chico, California, 95927".
